

The Statistical Department collects information concerning Building operations from two sources - (1) Local Government Bodies and (2) Builders.

Since 1911, particulars of permits granted have been collected from Corporations and District Councils, and authorizations from Government Departments, for the erection of houses and other buildings, alterations and additions. Permits include Housing Trust operations.

From 1945, returns have been obtained from building contractors and from home builders showing the number of buildings completed each quarter and the number still under construction. Information relating to buildings completed can be segregated into local government districts.

This information is summarised in Tables A and B of this bulletin, a brief description of which follows:

#### Table A.

This table shows local government permits and authorizations for dwellings according to districts for the years 1955, 1956 and 1957, and for the same years completions summarised from builders' returns. Attention is directed to the explanatory notes on the return.

It is not always possible to reconcile permits with commencements and/or completions because:

- (a) permits are often obtained a considerable time before commencement.
- (b) permits are not required in some country districts and only for portions of some others, and
- (c) occasionally, buildings are not commenced even though permits have been obtained.

Completions are shown also in Table A under local government districts in metropolitan and country areas. These relate to dwelling units only and completions of building operations are shown in greater detail in Table B.

#### Table B.

This table shows details of the different types of buildings commenced, completed and in course of construction for the whole State. Buildings completions are shown for years ended December since 1952 and for December quarters for the years 1955, 1956 and 1957. For the same years, page 2 gives details of commencements during the December quarter, total commencements for the year and buildings under construction at the end of the year.

The number of tradesmen working on jobs in December is divided under the main occupations and totals are shown for previous years.

#### Permits.

Further information not contained in Table A relating to permits follows:

Permits in the metropolitan area during the year 1957 (1956 in parenthesis) were granted for 5,239 (4,965) dwellings, including 512 (278) homes in 92 (38) flats and 427 (344) homes in 198 (142) maisonettes etc. Other New Buildings totalled 611 (591) and Alterations and Additions 11,294 (11,275). Permits were also granted for 46 (34) old houses to be converted into 99 (77) flats, resulting in an increase of 53 (43) homes - these are not counted as new buildings but as alterations.

The total value of permits and authorizations for all new buildings and alterations in the metropolitan area was estimated at £26,933,946 (£27,123,950). The value of New Private Dwellings was £15,957,826 (£15,148,046); other New Buildings £4,510,431 (£5,530,975); Alterations etc. £3,910,245 (£4,324,059) and Government Buildings £2,555,444 (£2,120,870).

Permits and authorizations for dwellings in Country areas totalled 2,473 (2,630) and the value of all building operations £10,388,616 (£14,062,413).

The total number of permits for dwellings for the Whole State was 7,712 (7,595) and the total value for all building operations £37,322,562 (£41,186,363).

DWELLINGS - PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS

South Australia

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(Numbers refer to dwelling units, not number of buildings)

DISTRICT	PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS			COMPLETIONS (a)		
	1955	1956	1957	1955	1956	1957
Metropolitan:						
Adelaide	16	24	66	3	6	30
Brighton	278	314	435	212	302	337
Burnside	318	306	295	278	284	291
Campbelltown	265	538	531	178	192	544
Enfield	1,124	627	678	910	918	701
Glenelg	62	42	100	41	48	73
Henley & Grange	301	298	239	87	243	258
Hindmarsh	16	14	20	9	6	16
Marion	1,290	851	1,101	1,075	1,208	918
Mitcham	577	554	411	406	470	511
Payneham	201	126	117	149	210	114
Port Adelaide	210	247	221	142	146	190
Prospect	68	36	39	70	55	45
St. Peters	21	10	14	10	18	12
Unley	81	79	60	161	84	72
West Torrens	487	463	554	407	321	467
Woodville	889	410	325	870	502	340
Other Metrop.	20	26	27	25	21	29
TOTAL-PRIVATE	6,224	4,965	5,239	5,033	5,104	4,948
GOVT.	1	-	-	b	b	b
GRAND TOTAL	6,225	4,965	5,239	5,033	5,104	4,948
COUNTRY:						
Gawler	38	53	34	32	34	45
Loxton	-	-	-	31	46	21
Mt. Barker	37	25	22	24	38	35
Mt. Gambier Corpn.	343	229	304	151	241	274
Murray Bridge Corpn.	56	62	62	38	51	55
Naracoorte "	37	27	46	49	39	86
Noarlunga	93	103	114	50	39	56
Pt. Augusta	36	353	27	191	140	68
Pt. Lincoln Corpn.	77	93	103	91	77	71
Pt. Pirie "	62	46	36	135	108	117
Salisbury	1,117	869	856	597	910	927
Tatiara	26	23	19	68	58	66
Victor Harbour	27	16	26	20	26	27
Whyalla	8	40	67	8	7	70
Other Country	657	584	633	905	890	797
TOTAL-PRIVATE (c)	2,614	2,523	2,349	2,390	2,704	2,715
GOVT.	39	107	124	(b)	(b)	(b)
GRAND TOTAL	2,653	2,630	2,473	2,390	2,704	2,715
TOTAL STATE	8,878	7,595	7,712	7,423	7,808	7,663

(a) Includes dwellings which were part of buildings included in "Other New Buildings" in Table B (e.g. dwellings attached to shops), but excludes "Hotels, Guest Houses, etc."

(b) Included in District Totals. Government authorizations cannot be allocated to Districts.

(c) Permits are not required in some country districts, and only for portions of some others.



KIND OF BUILDING			BUILDINGS COMPLETED								
			QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER			YEAR ENDED DECEMBER					
			1955	1956	1957	1952	1953c	1954	1955	1956	1957
<u>HOUSES</u> - Brick, stone etc.	a.	No.	1,232	1,159	1,308	4,585	4,196	4,003	4,599	4,669	4,510
	b.	No.	389	433	439	1,390	1,434	1,315	1,305	1,474	1,485
Fibro Cement	a.	No.	273	309	204	1,197	510	461	820	1,154	927
	b.	No.	71	68	75	283	312	300	291	247	265
Weatherboard & Other	a.	No.	30	26	20	1,297	1,642	1,334	231	93	95
	b.	No.	5	14	11	58	48	46	40	36	36
<u>FLATS</u> - Dwelling units	a.	No.	29	75	77	12	106	86	126	106	316
<u>HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, ETC.</u>	a.	No.	2	-	2	2	5	20	14	6	13
<u>TOTAL DWELLINGS, ETC.</u> (inc. Emergency. Nil since 1953)	a.	No.	1,566	1,569	1,611	7,093	6,459	5,904	5,790	6,028	5,861
	b.	No.	465	515	525	1,731	1,794	1,661	1,636	1,757	1,786
	a. b.	No.	2,031	2,084	2,136	8,824	8,253	7,565	7,426	7,785	7,647
	a. b.	£000	6,185	6,456	7,015	19,667	21,747	21,328	21,827	24,263	25,040
<u>FACTORIES</u>	a.	No.	47	38	53	70	53	107	128	175	149
		£000	880	760	1,198	602	752	1,950	1,898	4,189	2,575
<u>OTHER NEW BUILDINGS</u>	a.	No.	137	161	195	377	533	696	580	701	709
		£000	1,154	1,742	1,965	2,288	2,819	5,012	4,396	6,377	8,713
<u>TOTAL NEW BUILDINGS</u>	a. b.	No.	2,215	2,283	2,384	9,271	8,839	8,368	8,134	8,661	8,505
	a. b.	£000	8,219	8,958	10,178	22,557	25,318	28,290	28,121	34,829	36,328

## ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS LAST WORKING DAY\*

December 1957

Contractors and Sub contractors 2,598; Wage Earners 8,145; Total 10,743, which includes persons engaged in the various trades as follows - Carpenters 3,269, Bricklayers 1,593, Painters 978, Electricians 489, Plumbers 842, Building Labourers 1,786, Other 1,786.

December 1956, 10,903  
 1955, 11,789  
 1954, 10,471  
 1953, 9,631  
 1952, 9,976

\* Excluding those engaged only in minor repairs, etc., and own home builders.

KIND OF BUILDING		BUILDINGS COMMENCED						UNDER CONSTRUCTION 31st DECEMBER		
		QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER			YEAR ENDED DECEMBER			1955	1956	1957
		1955	1956	1957	1955	1956	1957			
HOUSES - Brick, Stone, etc.	a. No.	1,210	1,135	1,097	5,021	4,423	4,417	3,352	3,113	2,976
	b. No.	480	361	313	1,656	1,582	1,295	1,941	2,047	1,849
Fibro Cement	a. No.	311	199	186	1,137	1,018	790	575	436	324
	b. No.	78	75	63	276	290	267	241	273	273
Weatherboard & Other	a. No.	25	29	21	130	95	93	18	19	17
	b. No.	17	14	9	45	55	36	38	56	56
FLATS - Dwelling Units	a. No.	106	44	89	166	149	371	129	170	225
HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, ETC.	a. No.	3	2	1	12	7	8	9	10	5
TOTAL DWELLINGS, ETC.	a. No.	1,655	1,409	1,394	6,466	5,692	5,679	4,083	3,748	3,547
	b. No.	575	450	385	1,977	1,927	1,598	2,220	2,376	2,178
	a. b. No.	2,230	1,859	1,779	8,443	7,619	7,277	6,303	6,124	5,725
	a. b. £000.	6,839	5,653	5,675	25,721	23,966	23,585	19,030	19,314	18,429
FACTORIES	a. No.	34	30	32	156	146	131	97	67	49
	£000.	683	309	323	2,635	2,089	2,749	4,148	2,093	2,363
OTHER NEW BUILDINGS	a. No.	147	143	147	643	651	700	367	323	320
	£000.	5,838	1,328	2,132	11,831	8,140	7,728	12,339	15,317	14,647
TOTAL NEW BUILDINGS	a. b. No.	2,411	2,032	1,958	9,242	8,416	8,108	6,767	6,514	6,094
	a. b. £000.	13,360	7,290	8,130	40,187	34,195	34,062	35,517	36,724	35,439

a. By Building Contractors.      b. By Home Builders.      c. Excluding 360 Migrants' flats converted at Gepps Cross.

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